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## **COLUMBIA MAN SENTENCED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT \$20 BILL AT COUNTY FAIR**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for passing a counterfeit \$20 bill.

**Daniel Aaron Kinney**, 23, of Columbia, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years in federal prison without parole.

On June 24, 2003, **Kinney** pleaded guilty to passing a counterfeit \$20 bill on July 18, 2002 at the Miller Spectacular Show in Eldon, Mo., a carnival that was part of the Miller County Fair. **Kinney** passed the counterfeit bill at a food concession stand, Graves said. When the carnival owner realized the bill was a forgery and approached him, **Kinney** began running. The owner and a carnival employee pursued **Kinney** through the carnival midway until they apprehended him, then held him until police officers arrived. An Eldon, Mo., police officer found 11 additional counterfeit \$20 bills in **Kinney's** pants pocket, Graves added.

**Kinney** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 4, 2002.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Eldon, Mo., Police Department.

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